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SUBJECT: TEXT OF 13 JUNE 1977 PROTEST NOTE

REF: MOSCOW 8691

EMBASSY INADVERTENTLY NEGLECTED TO POUCH TO DEPARTMENT
COPY OF PROTEST NOTE TO MFA RE INCIDENT INVOLVING DAO
ATTACHE MILLER AS REPORTED REFTEL. TEXT OF NOTE IS
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: NO. 839. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA PROESTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS OF AN INCIDENT
WHICH TOOK PLACE RECENTLY IN RED SQUARE. ON JUNE 8, 1977
AT APPROXIMATELY 1830, MAJOR DAVID L. MILLER, AN
ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY, WAS
PHYSICALLY ACCOSTED AND DETAINED BY TWO INDIVIDUALS IN
CIVILIAN CLOTHING WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES.
MAJOR MILLER WAS STANDING BY ST. BASILS CATHEDRAL WHEN
THE TWO MEN ROUGHLY GRABBED HIM BY THE ARMS, PINNING HIM
TO AN IRON FENCE. AT THE SAME TIME ONE OF THE MEN FORCIBLY
TOOK FROM HIM A PAPERBACK BOOK HE WAS CARRYING. WHILE
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ONE MAN RESTRAINED MAJOR MILLER, NOT ALLOWING HIM TO
MOVE HIS ARMS OR BODY, THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL SCRUTINIZED
THE BOOK ALONG WITH SEVERAL SHEETS OF BLANK PAPER WITHIN
IT, AND DISASSEMBLED A BALL-POINT PEN WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN
FROM MAJOR MILLER'S POCKET. AFTER APPROXIMATELY THREE
MINUTES MAJOR MILLER FREED HIMSELF AND RECOVERED HIS
PROPERTY.

THE EMBASSY PROTESTS THIS UNWARRANTED ACTION AGAINST A
MEMBER OF ITS STAFF AND WOULD LIKE ASSURANCES THAT STEPS
ARE BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT SIMILAR INCIDENTS DO
NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE. EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, MOSCOW, JUNE 13, 1977. UNQUOTE
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